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PEACE GESTURE: Lucien Richard, 17, a junior at Troy Community Academy, signs a poster for Peace One Day while teacher Carrie Zimmerman looks on.

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Students observe Peace One Day

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Troy Community Academy and Team Metro Melrose recently held a joint celebration of Peace One Day with a special program.

The observance takes place annually on the United Nations International Day of Peace, Sept. 21, as the day of global cease-fire and nonviolence.

Schools and community organizations held programs promoting peace throughout the world, the idea being for

communities to unite in a moment of unity.

In Miami-Dade, 12th-graders at Troy Community Academy, located on the grounds of the Juvenile Justice Center, 3300 NW 27th Ave., shared words of encouragement and inspiration and signed a commitment to spread peace.

This was the first year Troy has taken part in the celebration. The school observed a moment of silence at noon.

"This event was very productive for the students

because it helped them think about the importance of peace not just globally but within the classroom," said 11th- and 12th-grade teacher Carrie Zimmerman.

Cyieta Davis, 17, a senior in Zimmerman's class, agreed.

"National Peace Day provides a positive feeling, spreading harmony and peace not just in the classroom but around the world," Cyieta said.

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Troy Community Academy takes part in a joint celebration of Peace One Day, an observance of a global cease fire and nonviolence, 6